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◦ THE NEW BROOKVIEW: OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Since the Dec 1 grand opening, business at Brookview has been brisk. When you consider its array of amenities for people of all ages, it's easy to see why.

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Franchise Fee Increases Will Fund Infrastructure Improvements

Franchise fee increases recently approved by the City Council to help fund infrastructure improvements are expected to provide approximately \$1 million per year in additional revenue after 2019. The increases are part of the City's strategic plan to outline infrastructure project priorities and provide financing solutions that lessen the use of long-term debt.

Although this additional revenue will not be enough to completely address the City's future infrastructure needs, the funds will be coupled with other fees, grants, assessments, etc to help offset the costs for ongoing rehabilitation and maintenance of water, sewer, storm water, and street infrastructure citywide.

Minnesota Statute (Section 216B.36) allows Cities to impose franchise fees on private utility companies for use of the public right-of-way. Energy providers pass the fees on to their customers within the city.

At its Dec 19 meeting, the Golden Valley City Council passed an ordinance to increase franchise fees on CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy.

These increases will go into effect in April 2018 on Golden Valley customers' monthly bills. Residential customers will see an

increase of \$4 per month per utility. The increase will be higher for small commercial properties, larger commercial/industrial properties, and commercial/industrial properties with dual fuel rates.

The City previously approved franchise fee ordinances in 2010 (Xcel Energy) to help fund the reconstruction of Douglas Dr, and in 2013 (CenterPoint Energy) to help fund needed infrastructure repairs.

Golden Valley is one of approximately 35 Minnesota cities that currently have CenterPoint franchise fees and 71 that have Xcel franchise fees. Neighboring cities that have both gas and electric franchise fees include Brooklyn Center, Hopkins, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, New Hope, Robbinsdale, and St Louis Park. 🌟

Online Utility Billing System Offers Several Options

City utility customers can now pay and manage their bills online with a service that includes billing, meter reading, and usage history; service information; and auto pay information.

Paying online reduces paper use and is an easy way to help the environment.

The City of Golden Valley implemented a new paperless utility billing and payment service last fall that allows customers to receive and view bills electronically and make payments online with a credit/debit card or bank account. To sign up for paperless billing, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov. On the left side of the

page, under "Find Out How To," click the "Pay For" box and select "Utility Bill."

The new system also allows residents to:

- pay anytime, anywhere, including by cell phone
- register for an account to enjoy 24/7 access to payment history and bills
- view bills and make one-time payments without registering
- schedule payments or enroll to automatically pay bills from a default payment method on the due date
- set up a schedule to pay a fixed amount or the invoice balance on a specific day of the month

All financial information is stored using Payment Card Industry (PCI) compliant systems, the highest level of Internet security. 🌟



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Run The Valley Moves Back To Brookview

Golden Valley's 24th annual Run The Valley, set for April 21, 2018, will move back to Brookview (316 Brookview Parkway S) this year, with the first race starting at 7:45 am (see box).

Each year the 5K/10K event draws hundreds of participants and raises funds for the Golden Valley Human Services Fund (GVHSF), which allocates the money to local human service organizations that benefit the community (see story below). Last year, 428 runners and walkers helped raise \$18,490 for the GVHSF.

How To Register

- Online by April 19 at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/run-thevalley (click "Registration")
- In person or by mail by 2 pm April 20 at Brookview, 316 Brookview Parkway, 55426 (must include payment)
- On race day from 7–7:45 am at Brookview

Entry fee is \$30 by March 1, \$35 March 2–April 20 (by 2 pm), and \$40 on race day. Includes long-sleeved moisture-wick T-shirt, race number, and chip timing. Fee is \$25 for walkers and \$20 for children 12 and under when accompanied by an adult entry (youth fee includes T-shirt and race number only, all shirts are adult sizes). To be eligible for a medal, chip timing must be used. For the 0.2K Kids Fun Run the fee is \$5, which includes a race number and a ribbon. All proceeds are allocated to non-profit organizations that serve Golden Valley residents in need.

Last year's sponsors were Lunds & Byerly's-Golden Valley, Optum Health, City of Golden Valley (gold); Legacy Rehabilitation Group, Park Nicollet Clinic-Golden Valley (silver); Accord Fi-

nancial Strategies, Gary Metchnek Edina Realty, Liberty Carton Company (LDI), Oak Grove Church, Relative Strength, Salus LLC DBA Anytime Fitness, Snap Fitness, TruStone Financial, Voyer Chiropractor, weRow (bronze); and Al's Coffee, Bassett Creek Dental, CCX Media, Finken Water Solutions, General Mills Yoplait USA, Go Health Chiropractic, Lunds & Byerly's-Golden Valley, Old Fashioned Donut Shoppe, Perkins Family Restaurant-Hwy 55, Perkins Family Restaurant-I-394 (products and services).

For more information or to volunteer, visit www.goldenvalleymn.gov/events/runthevalley or call Parks and Recreation at 763-512-2345. 🏃



2018 Run The Valley

Sat, April 21

- 7:45 am: 0.2K Kids Fun Run
- 8 am: 10K race
- 8:10 am: 5K race
- 8:15 am: 5K walk
(5K and 10K races will be chip-timed)

Start and finish at Brookview, 316 Brookview Parkway S. Course runs through residential Golden Valley. Water stops and post-race complimentary snacks donated by area businesses.

GVHSF Allocates \$60,000 For 2018

Since 1992, the Golden Valley Human Services Fund (GVHSF) has worked to support organizations that serve Golden Valley residents, providing more than \$1.5 million in funding.

Each year, this board of citizen volunteers reviews requests and allocates funds raised by the GVHSF through various annual fundraisers such as April's Run the Valley and July's Golden Valley Golf & Lawn Bowling Classic.

For 2018, the GVHSF allocated \$60,000 to 12 local human service organizations: Canvas Health/Crisis Connection (\$3,500), Crisis Nursery (\$2,500), HUG (\$5,000), Northwest Suburban Dinner at Your Door (\$8,000), PRISM (\$12,000), ResourceWest

(\$4,450), Senior Community Services HOME Program (\$5,000), Senior Community Services Outreach (\$3,500), Sojourner Project (\$7,000), The Bridge For Youth (\$5,000), Tree House (\$2,050), and YMCA-New Hope (\$2,000).

For more information about GVHSF activities, events, and funding criteria, or to join the list of contributors and volunteers, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/boards/gvhsf or call 763-512-2345. 🏃



PROPER BATTERY DISPOSAL

Easy To Do And Good For The Environment

According to the Minnesota Pollution Control agency, some household batteries may contain toxic metals like mercury, lead, cadmium, and silver, which can contaminate air and water when they are incinerated or disposed of in a landfill. Eventually these metals can accumulate in living tissue and cause adverse health effects.

Since batteries deteriorate over time, it's good to get used batteries out of your home.

Fortunately, disposing of batteries properly is easy to do and good for the environment, says Tom Hoffman, Golden Valley recycling coordinator.

When disposing of batteries, especially D batteries, put tape on the ends or place them in separate, clear plastic bags. Sometimes old batteries can short circuit and start fires if their ends are exposed and come in contact with each other, cautions Hoffman.

If you find a spent battery that's rusted, leaking, or has white powder around the terminals, handle it with gloves before recycling it.

DID YOU KNOW?

Rechargeable batteries can be reused up to 1,000 times before being recycled. This saves you money in the long run and is better for the environment.

Battery Recycling Locations

Golden Valley's battery drop-off bin at City Hall is located in the vestibule after entering the main doors. You can drop off most kinds of household batteries at the bin free of charge, but DO NOT bring in car batteries and other kinds of lead batteries.

Household battery drop-off bins can be found at some libraries, community centers, and other sites throughout the county. Visit www.hennepin.us/batteryrecycling to find a location near you.

To recycle lead or other non-household batteries, visit the Hennepin County Recycling Center and Transfer Station, 8100 Jefferson Highway, Brooklyn Park (open Tuesday through Saturday). Car batteries can also be recycled at specific car battery retailers.

If you cannot remove a battery from a device, bring the entire device to the Hennepin County drop-off site.

For more information, visit www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/drop-off-facilities.

Golden Valley Recycles

GRAY Holiday Schedule

Holiday Week	Pick-Up Date
July 4	Sat, July 7
Thanksgiving	Sat, Nov 24
New Year's	Sat, Jan 5, 2019

Missed Pick Ups

If your recycling is missed, call Republic Services at 952-941-5174, Option 5, before noon on the following Monday. If you have specific recycling questions, call 763-593-8030.

The Golden Valley Recycling Program is partially funded by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners.

BLUE Holiday Schedule

Holiday Week	Pick-Up Date
Memorial Day	Sat, June 2
Labor Day	Sat, Sept 8
Christmas	Sat, Dec 29



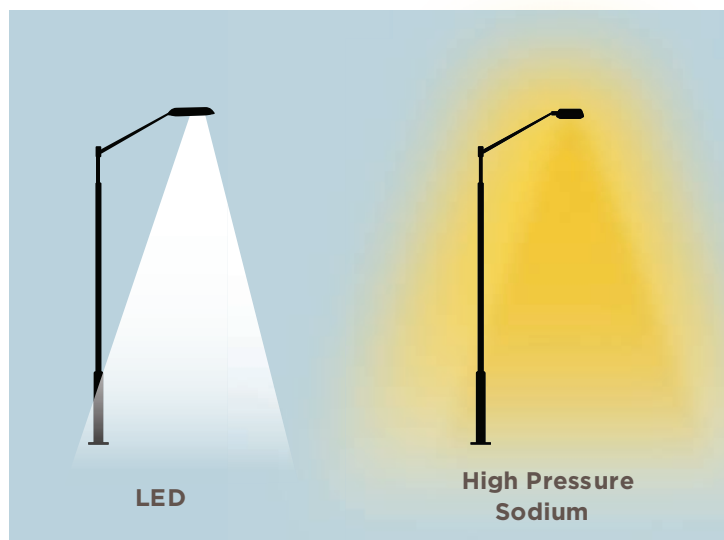
To sign up to receive emailed recycling updates and reminders, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/news/subscribe.

Xcel Energy To Swap Old Streetlight Bulbs With LEDs

In a major step toward meeting Golden Valley's sustainability goals, Xcel Energy will replace more than 500 street lights with energy-efficient LED bulbs.

The LED bulbs will burn as bright as the old lights but use far less energy, saving the City more than \$3,800 per year and preventing roughly 221,000 pounds of CO₂ from entering the atmosphere per year.

Xcel is retrofitting the lights with 3000 Kelvin color temperature bulbs at no cost to the City. To better match the warm, softer glow of the old street lights, Xcel is installing 3000K LED bulbs instead of the cool white 4000K bulbs used in other applications.



LEDs have a more efficient lighting pattern that reduces glare and focusws the light directly on the area to be lit.

Image courtesy of Xcel Energy

The City recently switched to LED bulbs for its traffic signals and the entire Civic Center campus, including parking lots. The City is working to install LED lights at its ballfields and, eventually, all City parks.

This is a big achievement and something the community should be proud of, says Eric Eckman, Golden Valley's development and assets coordinator. It also brings the City closer to achieving its resilience and sustainability goals and advancing within GreenStep Cities, a statewide sustainability challenge, assistance, and recognition program.

The LED streetlight bulbs will create a more focused light than the old ones, reducing glare and spillover, Eckman says. You'll notice the difference at first but will quickly get used to it.

Aside from a handful of neighborhoods with decorative lights, all Golden Valley streetlights will have LED bulbs within the first quarter of 2018. Xcel is replacing 558 bulbs in total.

For more information about this project, go to xcelenergy.com/LEDStreetLighting.

Pick Up After Your Pets, Even When It's Cold

When it's cold and the ground is covered in snow, it can be tempting to leave your pet's waste behind, but this habit leads to an unsightly, environmental hazard come spring. The snow melts, revealing all the waste pet owners neglected to clean up, and harmful bacteria washes into the City's storm sewers and then into creeks, lakes, and wetlands.

"Bacteria from animal waste is a pathogen that can affect drinking water and recreation and usability of waterways," says Eric Eckman, development and assets coordinator. "It can be a health hazard."

Bassett Creek and the Mississippi River are both impaired for bacteria, which is partially due to pet waste, Eckman says.

One of the simplest things you can do to keep local waterways healthy is to pick up after your pet. It also shows courtesy to your community, and it's the law.



RECREATION Highlights

See complete list of activities in the Winter Activities catalog or at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation.

Youth

Snowshoeing Basics (Ages 8+, 17 and under with adult)—Discover snowshoeing, gain tips, and search the park for animal signs and tracks. Sat, Feb 3, 1–3 pm, Sohacki Park, \$5.

Magic For All Ages (Ages 10+)—Learn easy magic tricks to amaze your family and friends. Thur, Feb 8 & 15, 6–7:30 pm, Brookview Wirth Lake Room, \$20.

Adult

Women's Self Defense—Feb 17–18, noon–3 pm. Learn useful and powerful defense techniques. \$50.

Seniors

Money Matters—Thursdays, 10–11:15 am, Brookview. Feb 15: "Investing 105—Market Update 2018;" March 15: "How Am I Going to Pay for This?" FREE!

Coffee Talk—Wednesdays, 9:45–11:15 am, Brookview. Feb 28: "History of the American Flag" by Richard Middleton; Mar 28: "Caring For the Caregiver." Call 763-512-2345 to register. \$2 at door.

Davis Community Center

Davis Community Center offers times for open basketball, volleyball, soccer, pickleball, and family gym time. Check the calendar at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation/davis/calendar.php.

For more information or to register, call 763-512-2345 for Youth and Adult and 763-512-2339 for Seniors (M–F, 8 am–4:30 pm). Register in person, by mail, or online.



Camp Valley Brings Two Weeks Of Fun To August

It may be cold now, but it's not too early to start dreaming of warm weather fun. Camp Valley, an action-packed week of activities for kids ages 7–12, features two sessions: Aug 6–10 and Aug 13–17. Both will run 9 am–4 pm, Mon–Fri. Participants should bring a water bottle and bag lunch each day.

At Camp Valley's inaugural run last summer, kids participated in swimming, archery, capture the flag, puppet shows, obstacle courses, rock-wall climbing, birdhouse building, team challenges, pancake cookouts, and other outdoor experiences.

"They had an absolute blast," says John Stutzman, recreation supervisor.

Stutzman says to expect similar offerings this year along with some new activities.

"I know there are a lot of families in Golden Valley looking for day programs for their kids to do in the summer, and we want to use the resources, spaces, and staff available to us to provide that for them," Stutzman says. "We received a lot of positive feedback from participating families last summer, and we're excited to bring it back."

Participants will be supervised by playground staff with about one recreation staff member per 10 kids.

Space is limited! Sign up now at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation/youth/adventure.php or in person at Brookview. For more information, call 763-512-2345. 🐾

New Parent/Child Event Series Offers Opportunities To Make Memories

Golden Valley, Crystal, New Hope, and Robbinsdale have teamed up to provide new recreation programming for families. The ongoing Parent/Child Event Series will include several annual events designed to be inclusive.

"We offer a range of events that accommodate all families of all makeups," says John Stutzman, parks and recreation supervisor. "There's something for everyone."

This year's series started with the January Superhero Training Academy (already concluded at press time). Next up is the April 28 Mother/Daughter Tea Party at Brookview Golden Valley, with refreshments and entertainment. Summer kicks off with the June 21 Family Game Night on the deck at Brookview, featuring board games, a buffet dinner, and entertainment.

Father/Son and Mother/Son events are planned for late summer and fall, followed by the Nov 9 Daddy/Daughter Princess Ball.


For more information and to sign up, visit www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation. 🐾

City Completes GARE Training

In 2017, the City of Golden Valley joined in a cohort of 22 Minnesota governmental jurisdictions that participated in training with the Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE), a national network of government working to achieve racial equity and advance opportunities for all.

The process involved skill building, strategy development, peer-to-peer networking, and problem solving, all for the purpose of developing a vision and actionable goals to advance equity and inclusion in the community.

Golden Valley was represented in the cohort by the City's senior management group (City manager, human resources director, communications manager, finance director, physical development director, parks and recreation director, police chief, fire chief, and one police sergeant). As the new Workforce Equity Team, this group studied community demographics and considered how strategies directed toward inclusivity and equity for all could impact both the City's internal and external community.

Watch for more information in *CityNews* and on the City website about the development of Golden Valley's Equity Plan and opportunities to get involved. 



Golden Valley City Council Member Larry Fonnest (third from left), Human Resources Director Kirsten Santelices (fourth from left), and City Manager Tim Cruikshank (fifth from left) with GARE leaders after completing race and equity training

GVFD Offers Hands-Only CPR & AED Training




If you learn proper CPR and defibrillator operation, you could end up saving the life of a co-worker, family member, or even a stranger, says CPR instructor Stephen Baker. All it takes is one hour.

The Golden Valley Fire Department will host a CPR and AED training course Feb 27, from 7 to 8 pm, at Brookview Golden Valley.

No previous CPR training is required. And even if you've had CPR training before, a refresher never hurts, Baker says. Some CPR best practices have changed in the last few years and people with previous training may need to update their technique.

Heart disease and sudden cardiac arrest is the No. 1 killer in America. There are more than 400,000 sudden cardiac arrests each year in the USA. But statistics show higher survivability of victims when early, effective CPR is combined with the use of an automated external defibrillator.

February is Heart Month. Take the opportunity to make a difference in someone's life, and sign up for the class online now at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/recreation/adults. 

Hands-Only CPR & AED Training

Tue, Feb 27 | 7–8 pm
Brookview
Wirth Lake Room





BROOKVIEW GOLDEN VALLEY



After years of planning and construction, Brookview Golden Valley

Brookview was designed to be an event center, a recreation hub, and a community gathering spot. So, come and hang out at the Three One Six Bar+Grill, play the day away at the golf course or indoor playground, try some lawn bowling, catch a comedy show in the Bassett Creek room, enjoy recreation programs and happenings for all ages, or host a party of your own.

Centrally located with expansive golf course and sunset views, Brookview Golden Valley offers modern, versatile indoor and outdoor spaces for all occasions and all ages. Once you're here, you'll want to stay all day!

Three-One-Six

Before your next round of golf, or after a day of supervising at the Backyard indoor playground, refuel at the Three



BROOKVIEW
GOLF & LAWN BOWLING

One Six Bar + Grill. Or swing by for the Brookview Buzz Happy Hour, Monday Trivia Nights, or simply kick back and enjoy yourself. The views from the restaurant, deck, and patio are spectacular in any season, and the outdoor fire pit will keep you cozy even in February. More info at www.brookviewthreeonesix.com.

Backyard at Brookview

The west metro's newest indoor playground is a 3,000-square-foot, temperature-controlled creative play space with areas for kids ages 2–5 and 6–12. It rises three stories high with slides, cargo climbs, and interconnecting tunnels children can



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BROOKVIEW VALLEY

Brookview Valley is open for business. Stop by and check us out!

explore for hours. Stop by for drop-in play, book a party room, or reserve for exclusive use! More info at www.brookviewbackyard.com/about.html.

Events And Celebrations

With its range of party and meeting spaces, intimate settings, outdoor decks to enjoy, on-site activities, and several set-up options to choose from, Brookview offers a customizable environment for your ideal event. Book your wedding now, or host a catered birthday, retirement, anniversary, mitzvah, rehearsal dinner, bridal or baby shower, reunion, business conference, or graduation. You get the idea. More info at www.brookviewgoldenvally.com/events-and-celebrations.html.



Brookview Golf And Winter Rec

In the warmer months, Brookview Golf & Lawn Bowling offers an 18-Hole Regulation Course and a 9-Hole Par 3, a driving range and teaching area, a golf shop, and lawn bowling rinks. But at this time of year, Brookview Golf Course has trails for a range of activities, such as fat tire biking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, skijouring, and walking. There's also disc golf. More info at www.brookviewgolf.com.

Entertainment And Recreation

Brookview offers classes, activities, and events all year long, for all ages. Warm up with laughter at Comedy at Brookview (next show is Feb 17, see page 15), sign up for a yoga class, or register for one of many athletic leagues. More info at www.brookview-goldenvally.com/entertainment-and-recreation.html. 🌟

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indoor playground

EVENTS &
CELEBRATIONS

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GVPD TO IMPLEMENT BODY CAMS THIS SPRING

After a six-month pilot program to test multiple types of body cameras, the Golden Valley Police Department (GVPD) has chosen the brand it wants to use and plans to have the new body camera system fully set up by March 2018.

Body camera technology improves government transparency, officer training, and quality of court-case evidence, says Police Chief Jason Sturgis.

“The cameras capture the behavior of the suspect we’re dealing with and the actions of the police officer,” Sturgis says. “Also, being able to review the camera footage can help us train officers more effectively.”

The City Council voted in December to approve the purchase of 31 WatchGuard body cameras, 11 squad car cameras, and a video storage system.

The GVPD has been testing body-worn video cameras since May 2017 to determine which ones work best. After the test periods and a public input meeting, the GVPD chose WatchGuard based on:

- quality of video
- ease of attachment, activation, and video download
- battery life
- hardware memory

- software accessibility
- system compatibility with squad cameras



WatchGuard had a clear advantage over the other cameras when it came to battery life and compatibility with squad video, Sturgis says.

Golden Valley has used squad car video for several years, and the video has been immensely helpful for the department, he says. It was important that the squad car camera systems and body cam technology work well together.

The cameras, along with the software and storage systems, cost about \$210,000. The squad cameras were already scheduled for replacement as part of the City’s five year capital improvement program.

The technology has gotten good enough and prices have lowered enough to make body cameras a feasible option, which is one reason many cities have already started using them or are currently looking into it, Sturgis says. He predicts that within the next 10 years it will be rare to see a police department that doesn’t use the technology.

Before launching the body cam program in March, the GVPD needs to install the system and train officers on how to use the cameras. 🏆

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DROP BY FOR A CUP OF COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH GOLDEN VALLEY POLICE OFFICERS.

☕ **Thur, Feb 8 | 9–10:30 am**
 Starbucks, 7802 Olson Memorial Hwy

☕ **Thur, May 17 | 9–10:30 am**
 Byerly's, 5725 Duluth St

GVFD: Serving Golden Valley Since 1943



75TH ANNIVERSARY

According to Golden Valley historical records, in the early 1940s a roof fire ignited in Golden Valley near where Theo-

dore Wirth Park is today. The Minneapolis Fire Department responded and set up a ladder, but when the Fire Chief arrived, he ordered the ladder be taken down, explaining that the house was not in the Minneapolis city limits. Other fire departments were called for help, but nothing materialized.

Meanwhile, a group of neighbors formed a bucket brigade and put the fire out themselves.

That event ignited a spark that led to the establishment of the Golden Valley Fire Department (GVFD).

“There’s a history with this department of ordinary people doing extraordinary things,” says Stephen Baker, battalion chief. “For 75 years, community members have signed up and put their lives on the line for their neighbors.”

Like most other communities, Golden Valley was recovering from the Depression in the early 1940s. As new residents moved in from larger cities, they shared concerns about the lack of fire protection in the area. After the roof fire, that concern only intensified.

A Legacy Of Community Involvement

In 1943, the Village of Golden Valley passed an ordinance establishing a volunteer fire department. The State of Minnesota recognized it six months later.

The GVFD started out with one 1923 refurbished fire truck and about 12 members.


“It was a group of average citizens who stepped forward because they recognized the need for it,” says Fire Chief

John Crelly. “In the same way, people continue to step forward now. They’re average citizens who say, ‘I want to help.’ It’s a deep heritage.”

Today, the GVFD has 58 firefighters (53 paid on-call and five full time). They will be celebrating the Department’s 75th anniversary all year long, first with two private recognition events this winter, and then with public events this summer, including an anniversary-themed street dance.

The GVFD will also debut a brand new Pierce ladder truck, a highly maneuverable vehicle with six seats and the ability to carry 500 gallons of water. The current ladder truck will be traded in for the new, but the old 1923 Oshkosh known as Fire Engine No. 1 will remain with the City, a reminder of the GVFD’s history and a keepsake of that time when a handful of residents took the protection of the entire village into their own hands.

Over the years, dozens of firefighters have come and gone, but the spirit of those early days remains. It’s still about stepping up and saying, “I want to help.”

Check future CityNews publications and the City website for updates on 75th anniversary events and to learn more about the GVFD’s history. 



Several Street Improvement Projects Set For 2018

This spring the City of Golden Valley will undertake several projects to upgrade and improve its infrastructure.

Pavement Management Program

The 2018 Pavement Management Program (PMP) will reconstruct 1.3 miles of street in the area north of Earl St, east of Mendelssohn Ave N, south of 23rd Ave, and west of Decatur Ave and the General Mills James Ford Bell Research Center.

Hwy 55 West Area

Sidewalk, street lighting, overhead power line burial, and intersection improvements will be made to streets in the Hwy 55 West area, including Golden Valley Rd from Hwy 55 to Mendelssohn, Decatur Ave from Golden Valley Rd to 7th Ave N, and 7th Ave N from Boone Ave N to Decatur.

Xenia Ave/Golden Hills Dr

Street and signal improvements will be made to the following streets in the Xenia Ave and Golden Hills Dr area:

- Xenia Ave S (I-394 north ramps to Laurel Ave)
- Golden Hills Dr (Colorado Ave S to Turners Crossroad)
- Laurel Ave (Colorado Ave S to Turners Crossroad)

The improvements are necessitated by redevelopment in the area, including the Arcata Apartments (SE corner of Xenia and Golden Hills Dr), Talo Apartments (south of Circle Down and east of Turners Crossroad), and the Xenia Apartments (NW corner of Xenia and Golden Hills Dr). The project involves:

- construction of turn lanes and medians
- addition of sidewalks, including ADA improvements of existing facilities
- storm sewer modifications

- traffic signal modifications and upgrades
- mill and overlay of bituminous pavement
- restriping
- railroad crossing improvements at Golden Hills Dr

For this project, 100 percent of the costs will be specially assessed.

Plymouth Ave

Street, bike and pedestrian, and pavement rehabilitation improvements will be made to Plymouth Ave N from Mendelssohn to Winnetka Ave N. The project involves:

- pavement rehabilitation, including overlay work on Castle Court North and South, Yukon Court, and a portion of Wisconsin Ave
- upgrades to traffic signals, intersections, and trail crossings,
- trail reconstruction
- improvements to sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and water main
- improvements for bicycle accessibility

Golden Valley Rd Bridge Replacement

Hennepin County will be replacing a bridge on Golden Valley Rd (County Rd 66) over Bassett Creek. The new bridge will replace a century-old bridge and culverts east of Highway 100. For more information, or to sign up for email updates, go to www.hennepin.us/goldenvalleyroad.

If you have questions about these projects, contact the Physical Development Department at 763-593-8030. 🐾

Summer Jobs With The City

Looking for something to do this summer? Why not work with us? The City of Golden Valley has a variety of fun, engaging, and well-paid positions open with Brookview Golf Course, parks and recreation, athletic programs, and maintenance. These positions are great for students looking to find summer work and for those looking to supplement other employment.

Apply now—the City will be conducting interviews over the next few months, including spring break.

To see the job descriptions, and to apply, visit www.goldenvalleymn.gov/jobs (several positions have more than one opening). Year-round part-time positions are also available with Brookview's Three One Six Bar + Grill and the Backyard Indoor Playground. 🐾



CenterPoint Project Will Replace Natural Gas Pipelines In GV

Starting this spring, CenterPoint Energy will be replacing an existing natural gas pipeline in Golden Valley.

The Golden Valley Road 2018 Belt Line Project will happen in segments along the construction route, connecting segments that have already been replaced, in coordination with Hennepin County and the City of Golden Valley.

Crews from an authorized CenterPoint Energy contractor will install natural gas mains along the following roads (see map below):

- Winnetka Ave N and Golden Valley Rd intersection
- Winnetka Ave N and 10th Ave intersection
- Rhode Island Ave N from 10th Ave to Golden Valley Rd
- Golden Valley Rd from Winnetka Ave N to Theodore Wirth Golf Course

Lane restrictions are anticipated in areas where active construction is occurring. Full road closures are also proposed for several locations. The lane restrictions and road closures are necessary to keep both the public and construction personnel safe.

Construction will happen in two phases. Phase 1 is installing the natural gas transmission main, and Phase 2 is restoring the areas affected by construction—typically the street right-of-way and street. The project will begin in the spring and end in the fall.

CenterPoint Energy and the City will host a pre-construction open house March 15 at City Hall (see box above) to outline the project and answer questions.

BELT LINE PROJECT OPEN HOUSE

Thur, March 15, 5–7 pm

Golden Valley City Hall

Frequent updates will be posted on CenterPoint Energy's website closer to the project's start date.

Project Background

CenterPoint Energy's Belt Line system is a series of natural gas transmission mains along routes from Brooklyn Center to Bloomington and from Golden Valley to Minneapolis. This project is a continuation of work that began in 2012; the goal is to have the Belt Line system fully replaced in 2021 to comply with Federal pipeline safety standards.

During the 2017 construction season, CenterPoint Energy finished the Golden Valley Rd and Bassett Creek segment of the project, which occurred along Golden Valley Rd from west of Bassett Creek Dr to the Theodore Wirth Golf Course. Crews have also completed segments at the Douglas Dr intersection and under Hwy 100.

Questions?

If you have questions about the project, call CenterPoint's Information Hotline at 612-321-5369 or CenterPoint's communications specialist at 612-321-5546. For questions about restoration (hard or soft surfaces) please call CenterPoint's Restoration Department at 612-321-5042. 📞



**ADOPT A
HYDRANT**

Help keep your community safe by shoveling out fire hydrants on your block. This prevents firefighters from having to dig out the hydrants when responding to a fire, saving vital time.

WINTER DRIVING IS ADVANCED DRIVING: TAKE THESE PRECAUTIONS TO STAY SAFE

Winter's hazardous driving conditions can challenge the best drivers. Even when it's not snowing, winter temps can create black ice and other obstacles, so take these precautions all season long.



Before You Drive Away:

- Thoroughly scrape off your entire windshield, all side windows and mirrors, and the back window.
- Clear snow and ice from headlights and turn signals.
- Also, wash your car frequently. Road grime, like ice and frost, decreases visibility.



On Longer Trips

- Allow extra time for winter delays or detours.
- Keep the tank filled.
- Monitor weather reports and consider not traveling if it becomes hazardous. Always let someone know the planned route, possible alternatives, and your estimated time of arrival.
- Do not travel alone or at night when possible.
- Make sure your cell phone is charged.
- Keep emergency items in your trunk, including jumper cables, a shovel and some sand to use if you get stuck, and warm clothing and blankets in case you get stranded.



Every Time You Drive:

- Always wear your seat belt.
- Be patient and slow down. Accelerate and decelerate gradually.
- Allow extra following distance for more time to maneuver or stop.
- Remember, speed limits are set for ideal driving conditions. Even when it's a sunny day, ideal conditions are rare in winter.
- Don't be too complacent if the roads seem dry. Always assume the roads are slippery. Extreme cold temperatures can create black ice that isn't readily visible.
- Don't use cruise control on slippery surfaces.
- Watch out for ice on bridges, low points, and shaded areas.
- Colder days can also deplete your tires, so keep an eye on the air pressure.

Winter Reminders


Parking

Parking in Golden Valley is prohibited on public streets and alleys Nov 1–March 31 from 2–6 am daily. Vehicles may be parked on private property in parking lots and driveways.

Parking is also prohibited on public streets after a snowfall of at least two inches until the snow has stopped falling and the street has been plowed to the curb line. Vehicles in violation are cited by patrolling police. Vehicles found to be obstructing traffic or snowplows, and those still in violation after 24 hours, may be towed.

For more information, go to www.goldenvalleymn.gov/streets/parking. Sign up for Golden Valley winter parking reminder email alerts at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/news/subscribe.

Garbage Cans

As snowplows push snow from the street to the side of the road, the wake can sometimes cover or overtake anything too close to the street. The City appreciates residents keeping their garbage and recycling carts out of the street and, when possible, placing them a few feet behind the curb (whether in the driveway or other set back location) to minimize the impact from the plowed snow on the cart. 



UPCOMING events

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Operation Rescue Room Contest Deadline

Mon, Feb 5 | 11:59 pm
(see page 16)

Coffee With A Cop

Thur, Feb 8 | 9–10:30 am
(see page 10)

WINTER FEST

Sat, Feb 10 | noon–2 pm
North Wesley Park

Sledding, ice skating, hayrides, DJ, bonfire, hot chocolate, and more!

West Metro Home Remodeling Fair

Sun, Feb 11 | 10:30 am–3 pm
(see page 16)

COMEDY AT BROOKVIEW

Sat, Feb 17 | 8 pm
Brookview Bassett
Creek Room

Featuring headliner John
Bush, as seen on HBO and
the hit stage comedy Triple
Espresso. Reserve your seat at brookviewevents.com.

COMEDY
AT
BROOKVIEW

Hands-Only CPR And AED Training

Tue, Feb 27 | 7–8 pm
(see page 7)

MIDCENTURY MODERNISM IN THE TWIN CITIES SUBURBS

Sat, March 3 | 1–2 pm

Brookview Bassett Creek Room

The new Brookview (see pages 8–9) was designed to complement the midcentury modern architecture prominent in Golden Valley and the surrounding suburbs. Learn about the rich and varied landscape of midcentury modernism as Larry Millett, author of “Minnesota Modern: Architecture and Life at Midcentury,” presents an exploration of Twin Cities modern architectural design. Millett, a native of Minneapolis, is a renowned author specializing in Minnesota architecture who has written more than 20 books and is a significant contributor to many local and national publications.

Run The Valley

Sat, Apr 21 | 8 am
(see page 3)

Spring Brush Pick-Up

April 23–May 11

The annual curbside brush pick-up gives homeowners the opportunity to place tree limbs and brush at their curbs for collection and disposal. See the 2018 pick-up schedule at www.goldenvalleymn.gov/homeyard/yards/brush-pick-up.php.

More event information at: www.goldenvalleymn.gov/calendar

STATE OF THE CITY COMMUNITY UPDATE

Thur, Feb 22 | 7:30 am
City Hall Council Chambers
7800 Golden Valley Rd

The annual State of the City reports the City’s accomplishments of the past year and previews goals for the coming year. All members of the community are

invited to attend. Replays can be viewed on GV 16, the City’s government access cable channel, and on the City website.



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10:30 am–3 pm**

**Eisenhower Community Center
1001 Hwy 7, Hopkins**

Free admission

Free parking

Activities for Kids

PURSUE YOUR HOME IMPROVEMENT DREAMS AT THE 2018 HOME REMODELING FAIR

Are you in the market for home improvement resources, or even just thinking about getting started? Don't miss the West Metro Home Remodeling Fair (HRF). This free event is set for Feb 11, 10:30 am–3 pm, at Eisenhower Community Center, 1001 Hwy 7, Hopkins.

The West Metro Home Remodeling Fair is local in focus, featuring seminars and demonstrations (see sidebar), along with more than 70 exhibitors, including architects, landscapers, designers, electricians, roofers, lenders, city inspectors, and more. You can also get no-obligation advice from architects and interior designers in the Idea Center (bring your photos, sketches, and questions) and vote for the Operation Rescue Room winner (see below). Food concessions and children's activities will be available as well.

Now in its 26th year, the event is a cooperative effort between the Cities of Golden Valley, Hopkins, Minnetonka, and St Louis Park and Hopkins, Minnetonka, and St Louis Park Community Education. It was developed to help boost the quality of housing stock in aging communities.

For more information, go to www.homeremodelingfair.com or contact the City of Golden Valley at 763-593-8099.

Sponsors are the Cities of Golden Valley, Hopkins, Minnetonka, and St Louis Park, and Hopkins, Minnetonka, and St Louis Park Community Education. Exhibiting sponsors at press time include Bluestem Construction; DreamMaker Bath & Kitchen; Elegance Custom Cabinetry; Neighborhood Building and Remodeling Co; Simplify Home Services; and The Home Depot.

HRF SEMINARS

- Will You Earn Your Remodel Investment Back When You Sell?
- Home Remodeling Tips From Your City Inspectors
- Color Trends
- Preventive Home Maintenance
- Industry Tips And Strategies
- 2018 Kitchen And Bath Remodeling

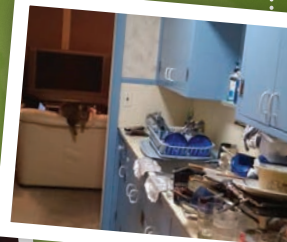
OPERATION: RESCUE ROOM

The 2018 West Metro Home Remodeling Fair is looking for ugly rooms that need rescuing.

The sixth annual Operation Rescue Room contest will give \$1,000 to the homeowner whose room is voted most in need of help by visitors to the Home Remodeling Fair on Feb 11, 2018.

Get rules and entry forms at www.homeremodelingfair.com/fair-day-activities/operation-rescue-room/. Deadline to enter is Feb 5, 2018.

*Do you have
the baddest
bathroom in
the west metro?*



*The cruddiest
kitchen in
the county?*



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